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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJ: SECRETARY'S VISIT-TENTATIVE SCHEDULING DETAILS

REF: STATE 195294

1. PALACE PROTOCOL CHIEF HAS PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING
ARRANGEMENTS FOR SECRETARY AND MRS. KISSINGER'S
FORTHCOMING VISIT TO AMMAN, ASSUMING OVERNIGHT STOPOVER
LATER THIS WEEK.

2. AS USUAL, MEETINGS WILL TAKE PLACE IN ROYAL PALACE
DIWAN AND SECRETARY AND MRS. KISSINGER WILL STAY AT
PALACE IN CROWN PRINCE HASSAN'S GUEST HOUSE.
STAFF ASSISTANTS ADAMS AND BARBIAN WILL SHARE NEARBY DOUBLE
ROOM. REST OF PARTY WILL STAY AT INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL (15
MINUTES DRIVE FROM PALACE). WILL PROVIDE ROOM
ASSIGNMENTS BY SEPTTEL.

3. JORDANIANS HAVE OFFERED BUFFET DINNER FOR SECRETARY
AND PARTY (INCLUDING KENNERLY AND RODMAN). IF WILL MOST
PROBABLY BE HOSTED (AS PREVIOUSLY) BY PRIME MINISTER AND
MRS. RIFAI AT THEIR RESIDENCE (20 MINUTE DRIVE FROM PALACE)
WITH KING HUSSEIN AND OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE. (OTHER POSSI-
BILITY IS DINNER HOSTED BY KING HUSSEIN PERSONALLY AT
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ROYAL RESIDENCE IN PALACE COMPOUND.) DRESS: DARK SUIT

AND LADIES' EQUIVALENT.

4. DEPENDING ON TIME AVAILABLE AND MRS. KISSINGER'S AND MRS. ATHERTON'S DESIRES, PALACE PROPOSES VERY TENTATIVE FOLLOWING OPTIONS FOR MRS. KISSINGER'S SEPARATE DAYTIME PROGRAM:

OPTION A - REST IN LODGINGS; CROWN PRINCE'S WIFE, PM'S WIFE, CHIEF OF STAFF'S WIFE AND VERY POSSIBLY QUEEN ALIA WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR INFORMAL CALLS IN ADJACENT PALACE AREA.

OPTION B - ONE OR TWO-HOUR SIGHTSEEING TRIP IN AMMAN, TO PHILADELPHIA AMPHITHEATER AND ADJACENT JORDAN FOLKLORE MUSEUM AND, TIME PERMITTING, POSSIBLY ALSO TO NEARBY JORDAN ARCHAEOLOGICAL MUSUEM.

OPTION C - TWO TO FOUR HOUR HELICOPTER TRIP TO SOME OR ALL DESERT CASTLES OUTSIDE AMMAN, INCLUDING QASR AL UMRA (SITE OF RARE AND RECENTLY RESTORED EARLY ISLAMIC FRESCOES) AND PERHAPS TO MUSHATTA CASTLE AND OTHERS. PALACE EMPHASIZED ITS DESIRE TO ACCOMODATE TO MRS. KISSINGER'S WISHES AND INDICATED ITS FLEXIBILITY.

5. PALACE PROTOCOL CHIEF FULLY APPRECIATES PROBLEM IN SECRETARY PROVIDING FIRM DATES OF ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE AT THIS TIME BUT SAID HE HOPES JORDANIANS CAN HAVE 48 HOURS ADVANCE NOTICE, IF POSSIBLE, IN ORDER TO PREPARE VISIT. WE ALSO NEED SIMILAR ADVANCE NOTICE TO ARRANGE HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS, WHICH ARE TIGHT. PLEASE ADVISE ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE TIME WHEN AVAILABLE BY FLASH MESSAGE. PRIME MINISTER ALSO TALKED TO AMBASSADOR BY PHONE TODAY AND STRESSED HIS HOPE THAT JORDANIANS WOULD BE GIVEN 48 HOURS NOTICE IN WHICH TO PREPARE VISIT.
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